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DEQ to man paint swap for Ascension Parish Household Hazardous Materials Day

BATON ROUGE – The Ascension Parish 2010 Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day and Paint Swap will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales. The Expo Center is located at 9039 St. Landry Road.

DEQ employees will man the paint swap area taking in reusable latex paint and mixing it in five-gallon containers. The objective of the swap is to recycle unused paint. After the paint is collected, it will be donated to the Salvation Army.

The Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day is for Ascension Parish residents and you must have a valid I.D. They are accepting many items such as paint, gasoline and oil, electronic equipment, batteries, automobile tires (limit 5), cell phones, fluorescent bulbs and more. They will **not accept** explosives, radioactive material, medical waste, asbestos, high school lab waste, paper, magazines, newspaper, cardboard, aluminum cans, plastic and glass, hurricane debris or woody waste.

“DEQ employees have worked with paint swaps for a number of years,” said Judy Schuerman, DEQ coordinator for the event. “This is an excellent way to recycle paint and keep it out of landfills.”

The collection day is a collaborative effort between the Ascension Parish Government, DEQ, and other partners. For more information about recycling, paint disposal and common potentially hazardous materials in the home, go to the DEQ Web site at www.deq.louisiana.gov. For more information about the Ascension Parish event, please call Terence Irvin at 225-621-5730.